President : I have already said that the constitution of the committee is not a part of this question. You cannot pursue further questions of that nature.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : May I know the language in which that G. O. was published ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : English.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : May I ask how those who do not know English could understand the contents of the G. O.?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : I am not sure whether it was published in any other language.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai : May I know what are the important features of that G. O. ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : It is a published document, sir.

Petitions from landholders of Vadakkekara and Munambam pakuthies for remission of tax.

33. **Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have received any petitions from the landholders of Vadakkekara and Munambam pakuthies in the Parur taluk complaining of the erosion of the sea in 1108 and 1109 and praying for remission of land tax in respect of those lands ; and

(*b*) when these petitions were received and what action has been taken by the Government ?

Mr. A Kumara Pillai (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes. An application relating to 1108 and 5 to 1109.

(*b*) The one application relating to 1108 was received in Mithunam 1108 and those of 1109 in Vrischigom 1109. The tax on the lands concerned was sanctioned to be written off and the same was given effect to in this (1110) year's accounts.

Newly abolished holidays for civil courts.

34. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar :** Will the Government be pleased to state ;

(*a*) when the newly abolished ten Hindu holidays were originally sanctioned as holidays for civil courts ;

(*b*) how many judges and Munsiffs recommended to the High Court the restoration of the abolished ten Hindu holidays ;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the High Court Vakils' Association at Trivandrum protested against the abolition of the aforesaid holidays and recommended their restoration.

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(*d*) whether it is a fact that the High Court recommended the restoration of the aforesaid holidays : and

(*e*) whether the Government ascertained the views of the Hindu community before abolishing the aforesaid holidays ?

Rao Shaib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: (*a*) In November 1885.

(*b*) These are confidential communications and cannot be disclosed.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) No.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know whether the civil courts in the State as a rule do not enjoy more holidays than other Government institutions ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : I claim notice.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : Are the Government aware that all these abolished holidays are holidays for the courts in British India, Mysore and Cochin ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : Government have no information.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar Are the Government aware that the Hindu community have to perform religious rites during those days ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: I am sorry I cannot answer that question.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I enquire that the First Class Magistrates' Courts, the 2nd Class Magistrates' Courts, Huzur Cutcherry, Taluk Offices etc., enjoy these days as holidays ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : Yes.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar ; May I ask whether the religious sentiments are being respected by Government ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : Yes sir.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know whether any circular has been issued by Government fixing the number of days which a Munsiff or a Judge ought to attend a Court ?

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Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: I am not aware of any such circular.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai: May I know whether it has been brought to the notice of Government that considerable difficulty is experienced by Courts in the matter of remitting money in Treauries especially when a holiday for a particular office is declared as a working day for another office ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: No such thing has been brought to the notice of Government.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai: May I know whether the Government can contemplate such a difficulty ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: I cannot say now.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai: In view of the great feeling expressed by the Hindu community do Government consider it desirable to restore these holidays ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: The Government have considered the matter and decided not to restore these holidays.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai: May I know why the Government have decided not to restore these holidays ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: The holidays were abolished on the recommendation of the High Court in order that more work might be got out of the Munsiffs and Judges.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai: May I know, in view of the recommendation of the High Court being mentioned now, whether the High Court have reconsidered their recommendations ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kujan Pillai: Yes.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai: In view of that may I enquire whether Government are going to consider the question in that light ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: The Government have not accepted the second recommendation of the High Court.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai: Am I to take it then that independent of the opinion of the High Court as well as the bar, Government are not going to re-open their original decision ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Government have decided once to abolish the holidays on the specific recommendation of the High Court and they have decided not to restore them.

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Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai: Am I to understand then that Government are not amenable to reason once they have made a decision.

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: That is a matter of opinion.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: After the abolition of the holidays may I ask whether the Government have stated that these working days might be observed as holidays for any other community?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: I claim notice.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Is it a fact that the Christian Community is exempted from attending Courts during special holidays for that community?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: During the Easter the Christians are granted that privilege.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: In view of that have the Government any objection in allowing this concession to the Hindu community, *i. e.*, observing the working days as holidays?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: That is a matter for consideration.

Mr. Komilezhathu Sankran: May I ask if such concessions are allowed whether it will not affect the litigant public?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: In the interest of work it was decided by Government not to restore these holidays.

Mr. E. P. Varghese: May I know whether the Magistrates' courts enjoy vacations like Civil Courts?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: No.

Passengers and vehicles crossing the Periyar at Kalady.

35. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar:** Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of passengers and vehicles crossing the Periyar river at the crossing of the Main Central Road at Kalady?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*)

The information is not available as traffic census is not being taken continuously during any year.

Mr. G. Naryana Aiyar: May I know whether any special officer was deputed to take account of the travellers that pass and repass at the crossing of the Periyar river at Kaladi?

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